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## NEWS

### AND VIEWS

#### FROM ACROSS CANADA

##### British Columbia

The outline of the Camp Directors' Certification is now published, and is a document which should be of interest to every Camp Director across Canada. Copies can be obtained by writing the B.C.C.A., 633 West 8th Street, Vancouver, V5Z 1C7

The Camping fellowship across Canada will indeed be very saddened to hear of May Brown's decision to close the doors on Camp Deka....truly one of the finest independent camps in this country. Although May will be pursuing many of her current interests in Municipal politics, we can only offer our thanks, gratitude and deepest appreciation to May and her husband, the late Lorne Brown, for the contribution they have made to the future of Canada as a result of their influence, guidance and belief in the thousands of young boys and men who have been a part of Deka. An era has come to an end!!!

B.C. have also announced their plans to establish an up-to-date list of all of those from their Province who have attended National Courses, Conferences and Workshops over the past five years. What are these people doing now? What have they offered to camping as a result of their involvement in these workshops?

It might be a wise move, both financial and moral, for other Provinces to consider this idea.

A new programme has just been announced...a Nature Awareness programme...organized by Paul Dampier.... five single days .... concluding with a week-end workshop.... Registration will be limited.

##### Alberta

Gary Luthy reports very positive results are becoming apparent as a result of the re-vitalized membership drive recently initiated in this Province. More members will mean increased support for many committees... particularly the one responsible for the imminent publication of "The Director's Guide for Counsellor Training". This should be a tremendously valuable resource for every Canadian Camp Director. For more information, contact; Mr. Gary Luthy, A.C.A., 332 6th Avenue, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R5.

##### Saskatchewan

Chairman Graham Boyd has recently announced details for the Annual Meeting and Spring Conference of the S.C.A., being held this year at the Waskesiu Centre, May 13-15.

Saskatchewan recently suggested to the Board of the C.C.A., that consideration be given to establishing a marketing centre for certain products which would be of interest to many Canadian Directors. This suggestion is now being studied.

Manitoba

As is the case with many of the other Provinces, there is great concern as to "Where are we going?". Hence the great interest in and support of the current Task Force deliberations...Punch Jackson reports that the M.C.A. is very grateful for the continued support it receives from the Provincial Government.

Ontario

Kirk Wipper reports that he is pleased that the Past-Presidents' Council is quickly taking shape, and will be bound to have a significant effect on camping in Ontario. ...In addition a re-vitalized finance committee is giving careful study to every conceivable method of fund raising....

Recently, Ontario hosted the Board of C.C.A. at a "Campference" held in Sault Ste. Marie. Russ Dennison worked closely with the Board of Ontario in developing this regional workshop.

New appointments to the O.C.A. Board... Bob Christensen has assumed the heavy responsibility for Standards; and John McRuer is now Chairman of the Wilderness Travel Committee.

Quebec

Support from the Provincial Government is still very evident in this Province, and a close liaison exists when it comes to new legislation. \$300,000 is being given to the Association for their spring Training Programme.... Some of the upcoming events in Quebec include "Camp Week" (March 5-11). This programme is obviously one which is meant as a promotion for the camps in this Province....promotional spots on radio and television; advertisements and public service announcements in every newspaper; buttons, posters; badges etc. will all be used to make everyone in Quebec more aware of camping opportunities for children and young people in that Province.

We are pleased to see the name of Rosaire Corbin back on the roster of personnel with the A.C.Q.- Q.C.A.. Rosaire is responsible for all of the upcoming training programmes

for staff and Directors.

Highlight of the spring will no doubt be the 40th Anniversary Banquet of the English section on March 26th.

Congratulations!!!!

New Brunswick

One of the greatest projects of this past year has been a tremendous amount of work on Standards. The first draft is now ready for presentation to the membership. This is a big step in the history of this relatively new Association. They are starting now to plan a fall conference which will tie in with the Board Meeting of the C.C.A.-

Nova Scotia

Cape Breton was the scene of a regional meeting of the Nova Scotia Camping Association. As is the case in so many other Provinces, there is a great deal of difficulty in involving camping personnel from areas which are distant from the main centres. Although the answers are not easily found, many positive and worthwhile suggestions are shared at every meeting of the National Board of the C.C.A. Indeed such meetings are very helpful and fruitful as Presidents and Representatives from every Province meet together. ... But back to Nova Scotia, George Matthews also reports that progress is being made and that a submission has been presented to the Nova Scotia Government for funds to hire a part-time Executive Director.

Newfoundland and Labrador

From Barbara Taylor's living room, we learn of news that the Annual Meeting and Airing Conference of the Newfoundland and Labrador Camping Association is going to be held this year in conjunction with the University and Teacher's College in St. John's.

The Executive of the Association is also pleased to report that more and more invitations are being received for members of the camping movement to talk on behalf of organized camping. In addition,

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## A Summary of Points Related to Promotion and Public Relations

### Finding and Keeping Campers

#### 1. Sources

The Primary source of names of potential campers is "old" campers. Space should be provided on the application to ask for names of friends and relatives. In addition, two or three applications can be sent to old campers.

- Certain cub, scout and guide groups will allow a Camp Director to send a mailing to their membership. Many service clubs are also looking for good speakers.
- Most school principals are reluctant to have Camp Directors come to show slides and movies, but some have been known to allow a different representative group of camp directors to get together and show slides, ie. large boys camps, large girls camps, co-ed, small camp, day camp, etc.
- Some camps offer a bonus to staff members or a reduction of fees to campers who bring in new campers.
- Regarding advertising; be wary about advertising in large urban newspapers. The suburban weeklies are more "homey" and certainly not as expensive. School year books as well as home-and-school publications can prove very valuable as are some other publications which get into the homes of the clientele you are trying to reach.

#### 2. Pursuing the "Leads"

Assume you now have names - a personal (not mimeographed) letter should be sent to the prospective parent or camper, along with the brochure and any other information relating to the rates and dates, etc. Many camps produce brochures which last two, three or four years, since the high cost of printing is decreased over this period of time. Only a revised application form need be re-printed each year.

- The brochure must have two aims; a good selection of pictures must provide for the parent, answers to questions related to safety and supervision, philosophy, staff experience, leadership, etc., while the pictures and script for the children (don't make it too lengthy) must show fun, laughter, security, personal relationship between a counsellor and campers, and freedom.
- Try not to cram too much into a brochure because it becomes confusing and hard to read. Don't be afraid of white space. A well planned brochure is a good investment!
- A personal visit to the home should then be arranged. Possibly two or three families might want to be together and if the Director does not live in the same town, maybe a staff member could at least make a visit and talk about the camp. On this visit the first item to be "sold" is of course - the Director. Is he the kind of director a camper wants, and is he the kind of director the parent wants? Both are seeing the the director from different points of view. Slides and photographs should be shown. Care should be taken in selecting and showing the slides for at this point some slides may show activities of which the child is very fearful. He might then get "turned off".



- Following the visit, a personal thank-you letter is often time well spent.
- Many camps invite new and prospective campers to their reunions. This might not be a productive move, for new campers are not 'with it'. Any 'in' slides bring gales of laughter from old campers but to the potential new camper there might be only confusion and frustration. Have separate meetings for new campers.
- It is wise to send name and addresses of old parents to prospective parents so that mothers and fathers may have an informal "chat".

### 3. Maintaining the Contact

Assuming that the camper is registered and that all of his questions have been answered, let us now get to camp.

We must make one other assumption - that the child is going to have an exciting, profitable experience at camp!

The first responsibility of the Camp Director is to get to know all of his campers ..and get to know them well....especially their names - from the first day, if possible. At the end of the summer, a letter of assessment from the Director is extremely valuable and although very time consuming, it does show the parent that the Camp Director is interested in each individual camper. Of course, depending on the size of the camp, this will mean that there must be a very accurate method of receiving a full report from each counsellor.

- Good public relations also means good staff involvement, not only at Camp but throughout the whole year. Somehow a feeling that it is "our" camp must be instilled in all staff. The relationships, not only in the summer, but during the rest of the year, between the Director and the staff are extremely important. They must be close, personal, friendly and above all, trusting.
- Birthday cards help to keep the Camp name in front of the camper all year.
- Christmas cards are important and time should be spent planning this card as a form of promotion.
- Some camps have produced excellent Calendars.
- Newsletters sent out two or three times a year can be very valuable. Possibly campers can be 'reporters' from various areas of the city and two or three staff can act as editors.
- Reunions; there are several types of reunions involving parents and campers, campers alone, formal banquets, teas, receptions, swim meets, and if the camp is close enough to the city, maybe all of the campers can be invited up to the camp for a day in the Winter. At reunions, if slides are shown they should be slides of people - fun slides - and good activity slides which will trigger campers' happy memories.
- If a time limit has been given on return of applications, there should be a definite follow through with those parents from whom you have not heard. Follow this right through, because those with the criticisms and those who perhaps do the most talking, are those who are the most reluctant to let you know what went wrong the previous year. However, every complaint should be thoroughly investigated and this information is then used in

## RESPONSIBILITY

by Eileen Mayotte

(reprinted - from the Saskatchewan Camping Association Newsletter - October 1976)

"Responsibility is attained slowly, it requires daily practice in exercising judgement and in making choices about matters appropriate to one's age and comprehension." Haim G. Ginott in his book Parent-Child continues and his next remark is adapted to the camping situation, "Responsibility is fostered by allowing the campers a voice, a choice in matters that affect them."

We in the camping field have said repeatedly and believe that we deal with the youths, the most valuable commodity that this country produces. These campers represent the future of Canada. Because our future depends upon youth, we too have a responsibility, not just to guide...not just to provide a program...not just to teach a skill...not just to provide a safe camp...not just to provide good nutrition, but to be sure that the camper has an opportunity to realize his potential and more important has an opportunity to reach it. The awareness of potential, the growth, the self worth of a camper is determined firstly by himself, secondly by his cabin counsellor and thirdly by the remainder of the camp staff.

Growth of the camper is not determined by the size of the camp, or the latest equipment; it is entirely dependent upon his own motivation, the camp leadership and particularly upon his cabin counsellor.

A wise counsellor will realize that he has a leadership resource in his own cabin group. Campers with careful guidance can become leaders in their own right. Do we involve the camper in group planning? Do we let campers know that they will be held accountable to others and themselves? Do we instill in campers an attitude of caring about themselves and others? Do we help campers to be sensitive to their own needs and desires and those of their fellow campers?

Some people believe, and perhaps fear, that as the camper is given responsibility the counsellor may become less important. Rather, the counsellor's role is more important as he becomes more aware of interaction within the group, recognizes where a word is needed to help the group reach a decision, but does not take the responsibility away from the camper. This is the reason we need mature and experienced people as counsellors, those who can stand back and let things happen.

Many camp directors believe that young campers cannot and should not make decisions regarding program. As people responsible for the success of the camp, selections must be made regarding the number of opportunities provided for the campers. The point to make here is that the selecting belongs to the administration... the choosing should be the right of the camper.

An activity chosen by a camper will be participated in with enthusiasm and happiness. If the camper is forced to participate without any decision on his part it could have an undesirable influence on the development of the young personality. Everything that the camper does, in some way, is a preparation for life. A child needs an opportunity to exercise judgement, make choices and develop his own standards.

The campers choice may not necessarily be the same as the counsellor's. In a

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cabin, the decision can be made as a group decision. Time and patience are needed. The program result...be it a skit or a skill...may not have the perfection that the adult expects. Remember, the camper is not functioning to enhance the prestige of the cabin counsellor or the director. Campers love to plan, to carry through and evaluate...campers may not use this term.

Their evaluation will be more critical of their own production than any counsellor's. As well as being critical of themselves, they will learn from their mistakes. The counsellor's role again is to be aware of group interaction and to help the group see the positives in their evaluation.

Ginott says that values cannot be taught directly. They are absorbed, and become part of the child only through his identification with, and emulation of persons who gain his love and respect. A camper who lives with criticism does not learn responsibility. He learns to condemn himself, doubt his ability, find fault, and distrust others.

Campers expect challenge, fun, excitement, new friends, a smile and a hand on the shoulder from his counsellor. He wants to be trusted, permitted to make choices, make mistakes, know he is wanted, day dream a little, do things with and for his counsellor, joke and laugh. These are some of the expectations of the camper and can be the beginning of the growth of the camper, whom we see as having a role in the future of our country.

## OLD CANOES

Old canoes do not have to be scrapped. Saw them in two and have twice the fun. The raw edges can be covered with split garden hose. Campers will have a great time learning to maneuver this half craft for the first time, but there's nothing to it once you're underway.

## NATURE'S THERMOMETER

A tried and true method for having campers estimate the degree of temperature. Count the chirps of a cricket for 15 seconds, and add 35. The sum will closely approximate the true temperature, (Fahrenheit) for a cricket varies his rate of chirping with the temperature.

## FOREIGN COUNSELLORS

The Employment Visa Certification Waiver has been amended to permit non-immigrants to work as camp counsellors, or in similar leadership roles, (not as kitchen staff or maintenance workers) in camps operated by the Canadian Camping Association. They do not need Canada Manpower certification that residents of Canada are unavailable for such employment.

Foreign counsellors should be provided with a letter from the Camp Director. The letter should note the occupation in which the bearer will be occupied, the location and duration of employment and particularly, that the employer is a member of the Canadian Camping Association.

This letter, together with proper identification, ie. valid passport, birth certificate, etc., (driver's licenses are not acceptable) should be presented to the immigration officer at the point of entry into Canada.

The non-immigrant is, of course, still subject to Immigration admission standards, but this ruling should simplify matters considerably for the foreign operators of camps in Canada, as well as for those who may wish to hire foreign counsellors.

Provincial Association offices should send their Directory or an up-to-date list of member camps to each point of entry in their province with a letter making reference to the ruling and explaining that membership in the Provincial Association automatically means membership in the Canadian Camping Association.

TO HART M. DEVENNEY

There are those who lead lives of quiet consequence. Hart Devenney was a member of that select group. His broad experience and variety of interests reveal a man whose contribution and influence lay very much in the constant devotion to young people.

Although formal education in physical education and recreation was not readily accessible, Hart found his way to Springfield, Mass. where he received his B.Sc. and then on to McGill University to earn his M.A. degree. He next turned to Yale Divinity School for a period of one year. It was at this point in his career that he met Rena Bickerton whom he happily married in 1929.

In 1939, Hart moved to Manitoba to become Director of Urban Youth Centres in that province. The next year found him in the R.C.A.F. auxiliary services which required travel to England, the Middle East, North Africa and Italy. Upon the termination of World War II, he assumed the post of Director for Physical Education and Recreation in the Province of Manitoba, where he remained for a very successful decade.

In 1955, Hart moved to Ontario to serve as an inspector and then counsellant in Physical Education and Camping for Ontario. After thirteen years his attention turned to the managing editorship and assistant directorship of C.A.H.P.E.R. When that organization moved to Ottawa, Hart took on the responsibility of business administrator for Kandalore Camps.

He was President of the Manitoba Physical Education Association in 1951, and then President of C.A.H.P.E.R. for the 1952-54 term. In 1957, he became the director of the Ontario Camp Leadership Centre at Bark Lake, where he remained for many camping summers.

Clearly, Hart M. Devenney was a pioneer who fought through many difficulties and personal trials to gain a breadth of outlook which evoked admiration and commanded respect.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife Rena and their two sons Donald and Richard. We hope they will find comfort in the realization that his many friends and fellow workers hold a special place for a man who has had a remarkable influence on so many.

Kirk A. Wipper

## SOMETHING OF VALUE

I would like to say a few words about the kind of world you and I are living in, and our place in it as leaders.

We are living in a world which is changing rapidly. A world that some people feel has lost its way, while still others think we have just bet on the wrong horse, believing that competition, but not co-operation was what made the world go 'round. A world that can send a man to the moon, but never in its long history has learned how to live together as people. A world that equates greatness and success with power, wealth, and the number of things we possess. A world in which the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. This then is the world which we are bequeathing to our younger generation. God may be in His Heaven, but certainly all is not well with the world.

In recent years we have developed a new philosophy of life. We call it the situation ethic. It means, in effect, that there are no absolutes, no rigid standards, and that everything in life is relative. For instance, it means that there is no such thing as black or white, simply gradations of gray....that there is no such thing as right or wrong, because what might be right in one situation, conceivably could be wrong in another. They say that it is not moral standards that determine what we do in a given situation, but rather the circumstances in which we find ourselves. Now this is a very convenient theory, and I must admit that there are some elements of truth in it, but if you accept it "holus bolus", the sky becomes the limit... and you can rationalize yourself into doing anything, even to the point of committing murder. The Irish, the Arabs and the Africans can slaughter one another without compunction while clothing themselves in the robes of patriotism and as defenders of the faith. Businessmen and professional men can cut sharp corners, be yanked up in Court, be found guilty, and even say, with a degree of truthfulness, that as far as they are concerned, they have done nothing of which they are ashamed. The trouble with the situation ethic is that it leaves too much up to the individual. In fact, he virtually becomes a law unto himself. It is true that our standards change from time to time, as new discoveries are made, but the cold fact remains that we have to have some kind of code by which to live, or we just 'cop out'.

It is no secret that many of our young people have rejected our materialistic way of life and have opted out. Unfortunately, few of them seem to come up with a better way. While other of our young people are baffled and bewildered by the absence of so many of the old landmarks, and are looking to us for guidelines and guideposts to keep them on the right track. Unfortunately, on our part too often we come up with the wrong answers. All of which raises the question.... "What kind of leaders are we anyway?" "Are we just blind leaders of the blind?" "Are we fiddling while Rome burns?" "Is all that we have to offer our young people the 'status quo' with all of its vices as well as its virtues?" Surely it is true that where there is no vision, the people perish. And let us remember that something like fifteen civilizations have already come and gone scarcely leaving a trace. Or, are we the harbingers, the forerunners of a new and better world where men will love one another, beat their swords into plowshares, and at least make a beginning in learning how to think and act in terms of the common good?

Too much cannot be said about the founders of organized camping in this country. The furthestest thing from their minds was making money. Practically without exception, they were impelled into camping by their desire to help youngsters to be happy, to live the good life and to hit-it-off on all eight cylinders. Taylor Statten and Mary Edgar, just to mention two, typified in their persons the dedication of those who laid the foundation for organized camping in Canada. These were the people who



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believed that a rich and a happy camp experience was the heritage of every Canadian child.

When the Canadian Camping Association was formed back in 1936, it was an act of faith, pure and simple. It was only a dream, a dream which someday we hoped would come true, because after all there were only two provinces in the whole of Canada that even had Camp Associations. In the thirty-eight years that have elapsed since that time, we have made that dream come true. Today, the Canadian Camping Association speaks with one voice for all of us. Today it represents all of Canada. But there is still much to be done. I don't know whether it is because of our modesty, but I have felt in years gone by that the Federal Government had not begun to appreciate the great contribution which organized camping was making to some 300,000 of our Canadian youth.

I hope there is no one who feels that the best camping days are over. It is quite true that organized camping today faces many counter attractions, but where, I ask you, can you find anything as good to take its place? Fifty years ago, President Elliot of Columbia University said, "In my estimation, the organized camp is the most significant contribution which the United States has made in the field of education." Coming from an outstanding academic, that was surely some tribute. Camping is unique in that it is a painless form of education. ...camping is child centred. What is more, our campers are self-propelling, self-developers, if you please, because much of what they do during the day is an outgrowth of their own interests and desires, and not someone else's. In camp they do their own thing, so long as it is not anti-social. To many a new camper, camp has become a place where for the first time in his life he becomes a full-fledged citizen in his own right. Camps are an ideal place to help youngsters to realize "a sense of oneness", "a feeling of solidarity" with all mankind...with Mother Earth...and all living creatures. Life has become so fragmented that much of the world is being torn asunder. We have yet to learn our interdependence, and that the interests of all are mutually inclusive and not mutually exclusive as most

people suppose.

I am one of those who believe that the Golden Age of Camping still lies ahead. I believe the camp of the future can be just a dynamic and just as meaningful as we have the wisdom and the will to make it. Sure, we have problems, but so long as we bring happiness to children, so long as we work with them and not for them, so long as we have our hearts in the right place and want to share our lives in helping them to live life at its best, we need have no fear, but fear itself.

Mr. Charles Plewman passed along these thoughts on the occasion of being made an Hounourary Member of the Canadian Camping Association. Mr. Plewman founded Kilcoo Camp. He is 87.



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## News and Views

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members of the N.L.C.A. are now being asked to sit on the Boards of a large number of provincial organizations and committees which relate to the camping field. In other words, children's camping is gaining a great deal of recognition in this Province.

### DEADLINE ... March 15 !!!

The deadline for submission of designs for a new and different National Logo for the Canadian Camping Association is March 15. (Designs should be forwarded to the C.C.A. office.) Anyone involved with an accredited C.C.A. camp is eligible (camper, staff member, Director ... past or present) is eligible, with the exception of anyone who makes his/her living in the commercial art or design field. The winner will be presented with a \$50.00 cheque, at the Annual Meeting of the Association being held in Squamish, British Columbia. As a added incentive, transportation will be paid to and from Squamish for the winning artist.

### TASK FORCE

The Task Force that has been studying the future direction for C.C.A. is approaching the end of its current deliberations and meetings. Very productive consultations have been held with every Provincial Association and Chairman John Latimer now reports that the views, comments, suggestions and recommendations which have been collected from across the country are now being tabulated, organized, analyzed and studied so that by the end of March a complete report will be ready. This report will be submitted to the membership at the Annual Meeting in B.C. John reports that he is extremely encouraged with the positive feed-back which he has received, especially from many Provincial Executives who have indicated that the meetings with members of the Task Force have been very helpful and beneficial to their own Associations, for the questioning and analyzing had tremendous relevance to them, as well as to the Canadian camping scene.

## PUBLICATIONS

One of the highlights which developed during the recent C.C. A. Board Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie was the discussion of plans to revitalize the Publications Committee. Punch Jackson of Winnipeg is now in the process of establishing a service for Camp Directors and Staff in which the latest in camping books can be purchased through C.C.A. In addition, Sharon Brown, who recently moved from British Columbia to Ontario is industriously working on a complete bibliography of all books, catalogues, papers, magazines etc. which would be of any interest to anyone in the camping and related fields. This document should be ready about mid-April. Incidentally, the five most popular books available through the C.C.A. last year were:

Camp Counsellor's Handbook.....\$4.95  
by Blackstock and Latimer

Acclimatization .....3.25  
by Steve Van Matre

Acclimatizing.....3.95  
by Steve Van Matre

The Camp Counsellor's Book.....1.95  
Edited by Northway and Lowes

Woodcraft and Camping.....1.75  
by Nessmuk

These books may be ordered PrePaid  
from C.C.A. Publications Suite 203  
102 Eglinton Avenue East  
Toronto, Ontario M4R 1E1

or write for a list of additional titles.

### WEATHER FORCES POSTPONEMENT

As a direct result of the weather in Buffalo, the Mid-American Regional Convention of the American Camping Association scheduled for February 15-18, will not be held until March 29 to April 1. For more information contact Mr. George Walper, Convention Chairman at the Buffalo Statler-Hilton Hotel.

## A Summary of Points

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talking to your counsellors in the following Pre-Camp.

- One point of public relations is that everything a camper and staff member does while outside our own camps reflects on the kind of camp we operate. Therefore, time should be taken the first day of camp to impress everybody with this responsibility.

In summary, all of the best gimmicks in promotion and public relations are useless if the campers themselves do not have a good time and return home in a positive, excited frame of mind. If one has to constantly struggle to find new campers because there are few returnees, the Camp Director is then not permitted to concentrate on the real business of leading his staff and campers, and developing the camp into one which would have a top-notch, positive, exciting reputation. The one word in public relations which is important is "PERSONAL".

from a talk given to the Ontario Camping Association by Mr. John Latimer. Mr. Latimer is the Director of Kilcoo Camp.

### CRAFT IDEA

Nature dyes can be made from many natural materials. Beets make a reddish purple, blackberries make a blue dye... remove the seeds. Spinach makes a yellow green, dandelion roots give a bright light purple. Tea, depending on the strength, will make a pale ecru to a dark reddish brown colour. Coffee yields shades of brown, again depending on the strength. Goldenrod flowers will give a dull yellow; sumac berries a dark brownish red. Natural dyes can be used on eggs, cotton cloth, yarn or other materials.

BOULDERWOOD CAMP at Baysville, Ontario is available for lease - the summer of 1977. Contact: Mr. Ken Thomas, Sheridan Realty, Ltd., R.R. # 1 Markham, Ont. (416) 294-5510

## C.R.C.A. Canoe Instructors Schools 1977

### Atlantic School August 19 - 28

Place: Camp Kadimah, Nova Scotia

School Manager: Harold Brown  
P.O. Box 7  
New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

### French School June 20 - 30

Place: University of Ottawa Camp near Gracefield, Quebec

School Manager: Jacques Grenier, c/o  
Physical Education Dept.  
University of Ottawa

### Central School August 22 - 31

Place: Camp Kandalore, near Minden, Ont.

School Manager: Jack MacGregor  
Camp Kandalore, R.R.# 1  
Minden, Ont. KOM 2KO

### Ontario School June 11 - 20

Place: Camp White Pine, near Haliburton, Ontario

School Manager: Jack MacGregor  
Camp Kandalore, R.R. # 1  
Minden, Ontario KOM 2KO

### Manitoba School June 4 - 13

Place: White Shell, in the Kenora area

School Manager: Punch Jackson  
Box 128  
Ile des Chenes, Manitoba  
ROA OTO

### Alberta School June 14 - 23

Place: Camp Chief Hector, Seebe, Alberta

School Manager: Gary Luthy  
Yamnuska Centre  
Seebe, Alta. TOL 1KO

For further information and application forms, write either to the Manager at the school of your choice, or to:

Mr. Clifford Labbett, Administrator  
Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association  
3 Pine Forest Road  
Toronto, Ontario M4N 3E6

### WOODSMANSHIP SCHOOLS

If Government funds are available to be used by the C.C.A. for certain projects in 1977, we can look forward to three Woodsmanship Instructors Schools this year.

In Ontario, please write to Mr. Jack MacGregor, c/o Camp Kandalore, R.R. # 1, Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0, for dates and details.

In addition, some of the Provincial Associations are organizing their own schools with the assistance of the C.C.A.

In the East, please write:

Mr. George Matthews  
Nova Scotia Camping Association  
Box 696  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

In the West,

Mr. John Boutin  
Saskatchewan Camping Association  
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WOODLAND CENTERPIECES add much to an outdoor meal and give campers an opportunity to try their hands at decorating. A raw potato, cut in half, makes an ideal stand for dried pods and weeds. A good sized lump of clay or fairly dried mud from the creek will hold ferns, summer flowers and berries. Tin cans, covered with clay and set with small coloured pebbles, make good containers for leaves and berries from the woods.

### CIVILIZATION

"At this point we must reveal ourselves in our true colours. We hold a number of beliefs that have been repudiated by the liveliest intellects of our time..

- We believe that order is better than chaos
- Creation is better than destruction
- We prefer gentleness to violence, forgiveness to vendetta.

On the whole we think that knowledge is preferable to ignorance, and we are sure that human sympathy is sometimes more valuable than ideology. We believe that inspite of the recent triumphs of science, man has not changed much in the last 2,000 years and, in consequence, we must still try to learn from history.

We also hold one or two beliefs that are more difficult to put shortly. For example, we believe in courtesy, the ritual by which we avoid hurting other people's feelings by satisfying our own egos, and we think we are part of a great whole which, for convenience, we call Nature. All living things are our brothers and sisters.

Above all we believe in the God-given genius of certain individuals and value a society that makes their existence possible."

The preceeding is taken from Kenneth Clark's writings on "Civilization".